

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
REDUCED RATE LONG DISTANCE, LLC FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC01-060

On June 12, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC (Reduced Rate).

Reduced Rate proposes to offer message toll service, incoming 800/888 and travel card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Reduced Rate. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 14, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 29, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its July 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Reduced Rate's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Reduced Rate not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Reduced Rate has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Reduced Rate has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves Reduced Rate's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Reduced Rate not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Reduced Rate's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective August 11, 2001, subject to the condition that Reduced Rate not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Reduced Rate shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

